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1. Between 12 and 22 December, about 3,000 persons were arrested in Canton because they did not have identification papers during a census check up. These persons are suspected of being fifth columnists. Some have been released after explanations about their papers, but many are being detained because of discrepancies in their statements. People in Canton believe that these arrested persons will be turned over to the Army as recruits.
2. About 20 December the Canton police seized the photographs of all the members of the newspaper guild which existed under the Nationalist regime. Copies of these photographs have been issued to the Security Police, as these journalists are considered enemy agents and subject to arrest. Two newspapermen have been stationed at Shonch'uan whose duty it is to alert the police if any of these journalists return to Canton from Hong Kong.

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